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AMENDED CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application.

What is claimed is:

1. (canceled)
2. (canceled)
3. (presently amended) A wheelchair pushrim system comprising:
 - a) a pushrim;
 - b) a wheel connected to the pushrim; and
 - c) an insert compressibly fit between the pushrim and the wheel;wherein the insert is a concave trough and is made of a substantially elastic material.
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (presently amended) A wheelchair pushrim system comprising:
 - a) a pushrim;
 - b) a wheel connected to the pushrim; and
 - c) an insert compressibly fit between the pushrim and the wheel;wherein the pushrim is substantially hollow and further comprises at least one rib which improves structural strength.
8. – 16. (canceled)
17. (presently amended) A wheelchair pushrim system comprising:
 - a) a pushrim having a non-circular cross-section;
 - b) a wheel;
 - c) a connector connecting the pushrim to the wheel; and
 - d) an insert fit between the pushrim and the wheel;wherein the pushrim further comprises at least one support rib.
18. (canceled)

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19. (canceled)
20. (original) A wheelchair pushrim system comprising:
 - a) a pushrim;
 - b) a wheel connected to the pushrim, wherein the pushrim has:
 - i. an elongated circular cross-section; and
 - ii. a support rib;
 - c) an insert compressibly fit between the pushrim and the wheel, wherein the insert:
 - i. is made of a substantially elastic material;
 - ii. is a concave trough; and
 - iii. has a gripping texture.
21. (original) The system of claim 20 wherein the insert is coated with neoprene.